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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Yasuaki NAKAMURA et al.  
Serial No.: 10/077,966  
Filed: February 20, 2002  
For: DATA STORAGE SYSTEM AND CONTROL METHOD  
THEREOF  
Group: 2144  
Examiner: T. Pham

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 19, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 11, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 11, 2006, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.